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In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, Applicants request that citation and examination of the following documents be made during the course of examination of the above-referenced application for United States Letters Patent.

- AA United States Patent No. 5,782,762
- AU "Quantification of Vessel Stenosis Using Three-Dimensional Power Doppler Imaging," Guo et al. IEEE 17<sup>th</sup> Annual Conf. On Engineering in Medicine and Biology, Montreal (1995) pages 625-626

**EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE**

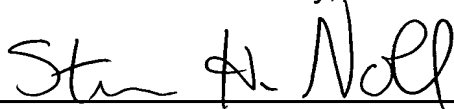
The above references were cited by the German Patent and Trademark Office in a search report rendered in connection with the counterpart German application. Since both of these references are in English, no further commentary concerning their teachings is necessary.

Copies of each of the above references together with Form 1449 are submitted herewith.

As of the date of mailing of this Information Disclosure Statement, a First Office Action on the merits has not been received in connection with this application. This Information Disclosure Statement is therefore in compliance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3), and no fee is necessary.

All claims of the application are submitted to be patentable over the teachings of the above references, taken singly or in combination. Early consideration of the application is therefore respectfully requested.

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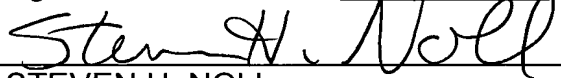
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**OTHER PRIOR ART (Including Author, Title, Date, Pertinent Pages, Etc.)**

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